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SUBJECT: CHEVRON INCIDENT REFLECTS CHANGING DYNAMICS IN
KAZAKHSTAN'S ENERGY HIERARCHY
REF: A. ASTANA 65 B. ASTANA 225
Classified By: AMBASSADOR ORDWAY FOR REASONS 1.4(B) AND (D)
1.(C) On January 15, KazMunaiGas First Vice President Maskat Idenov expelled from a meeting Chevron executives Guy Hollingsworth, President for
2.(C) In subsequent conversations with the Ambassador and Eurasian Energy Diplomacy Coordinator Steve Mann, Idenov emphasized that his action
Comment

3. What really appears to be at issue here is Idenov demonstrating that he, not Timur Kulibayev, is now the go to guy in Kazakhstani oil and
4.(C) One very substantive aspect of determining who, on top is related to the oil pipeline that must be built to connect Kashagan (and Tengiz) is
the pipeline that would allow the Kashagan partners to share ownership.
5.(C) Idenov's actions are designed not only to demonstrate that he, is up, but that Timur Kulibayev is down, if not actually out. We had already
6.(C) Kulibayev is still the head of Kazenergy, the semi-official trade group, and has obvious links to key government officials, including his